ORDINANCE NO. 97- 12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE ENTITLED "THE PALM BEACH COUNTY RECLAIMED WATER ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; SETTING FORTH OBJECTIVES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR USE OF RECLAIMED WATER WITHIN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT SERVICE AREA; PROVIDING FOR A STANDARD RECLAIMED WATER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR THE RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM RECLAIMED WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR CONNECTION TO THE RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVED USES OF RECLAIMED WATER; PROVIDING FOR COSTS TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO THE RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS FOR USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AND THE RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO LIEN PROPERTY FOR UNPAID FEES; PROVIDING FOR ACTION; PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT FOR JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
County is devoted to promoting environmentally, economically
and technically feasible technologies for water conservation;
and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
County recognizes that the use of reclaimed water offers
significant advantages to both the environment and consumers
by reducing the demand on potable water resources and

facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County deems this Ordinance to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Palm Beach County and is necessary for the protection and conservation of our water resources and environment.

1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
2	COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:
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5	Reclaimed Water Ordinance".
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Section 3. Authority and Purpose

This Ordinance is created in accordance with Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, Section 403.064, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 62-610, Florida Administrative Code, and provides for the encouragement and use of reclaimed water to protect the environment and conserve Palm Beach County's potable water supply.

Subject to the direction of the Board of County
Commissioners or the County Administrator, all powers, duties,
and authorities relating to the operation of the facilities of
the Water Utilities Department for the Board of County
Commissioners, are vested in the Director of the Water
Utilities Department unless specifically vested elsewhere by
the provisions of this Ordinance. In the absence of the
Director of the Water Utilities Department, a Supervisor over
the Director of the Water Utilities Department, or an
individual specifically appointed by the County Administrator,
may assume the powers, duties, and authority vested by this
section.

Section 4. Applicability

This Ordinance shall apply to unincorporated and incorporated areas of Palm Beach County located within the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department service area, as amended from time to time, and shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

Section 5. Objective

The objective of this Ordinance is to set forth requirements for the use of reclaimed water and the construction of reclaimed water facilities within the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department service area. This Ordinance will enable the County to be in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations as they pertain to reclaimed water.

Section 6. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed herein, unless a different meaning is set forth in another section of this Ordinance or the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (A) BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY: a backflow prevention assembly shall mean a device and/or method of construction used to prevent backflow into a potable and/or reclaimed water system. The type of assembly used shall be based on the degree of hazard, either existing or potential.
 - (B) <u>COUNTY:</u> Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

(C) <u>CROSS-CONNECTION:</u> any physical arrangement whereby a potable and/or reclaimed water supply is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other system capable of imparting contamination to the potable and/or nonpotable water supply as the result of backflow.

- (D) <u>CUSTOMER:</u> any person, dwelling unit, agent, property owner, developer, user, company, municipal corporation, political subdivision, homeowners association or other entity which accepts or receives reclaimed water service or benefits directly from services rendered by the Department.
- (E) **DEPARTMENT:** the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department.
 - (F) **DEVELOPMENT:** all projects with non-residential connections and all residential projects including twenty (20) or more dwelling units.
- (G) **DIRECTOR:** the Director of the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department or the duly authorized representative.
- (H) <u>DWELLING UNIT:</u> a single unit designated or intended for one-family occupancy (a household of one or more persons), including, but not limited to, one single-family house, one-half of a duplex, one apartment, or one mobile home.
- a system capacity equivalency unit which corresponds to the average reclaimed water demand of the 5/8" x 3/4" meter subcategory of the single family residential category of customer usage. This system capacity equivalency unit is utilized to establish the reclaimed water system demand for various sized connections for the purpose of assessing fees and reserving capacity.

(J) **IRRIGATION:** the use of water to maintain and enhance the growth of lawns, shrubs, trees, or edible crops as set forth in Chapter 62-610, Florida Administrative Code.

- (K) MANDATORY RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE AREA (MRWSA): a limited area surrounding the Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility which is comprised of or includes: Sections 4, 5, 8 & 9; the West ½ of Section 3; the West ½ of Section 10 of Township 46 South and Range 42 East; the South ½ of Section 32; the South ½ of Section 33; and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34 of Township 45 South and Range 42 East. In addition, if all or any portion of a Development falls within the MRWSA, the entire Development shall be subject to mandatory reclaimed water service.
- (L) NON-RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS: all connections that are not in either the single-family dwelling unit category or the multiple-family dwelling unit category. The non-residential connection category is to be separated into subcategories by meter size. The non-residential connection fee is determined by meter size. Non-residential connections shall also include: (1) Master-metered dormitory style apartments and Congregate Living Facilities with: (a) units designed solely for single occupancy, or (b) up to 450 square feet per unit with or without a central dining facility, or (c) units without built-in individual food preparation facilities and with a central dining facility; (2) Motels, hotels, bed and breakfast facilities and incarceration facilities; (3) Campgrounds; and (4) Golf Courses.

(M) <u>PERSON:</u> includes individuals, firms, associations, joint ventures, partnerships, estates, trusts, corporations, and all other groups or combinations.

- (N) **POINT OF SERVICE:** the outlet side of the Department's reclaimed water meter box or other point identified on construction plans which ends the Department's ownership, operation and maintenance responsibility.
 - (0) **PROPERTY OWNER:** one in whom the legal title to real estate is vested as recorded in the public records of the State of Florida.
- (P) <u>RECLAIMED WATER:</u> water that has received at least secondary treatment and basic disinfection and is reused after flowing out of a wastewater treatment facility (Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-610).
- (Q) <u>RECLAIMED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:</u> a network of pipes, pumping facilities, storage facilities, and related appurtenances designed to convey and distribute reclaimed water from one or more wastewater treatment facilities up to the Department's side of the Point of Service.
- (R) <u>RECLAIMED WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEM:</u> a network of pipes, pumping facilities, storage facilities, sprinkler heads, and appurtenances on the customer's side of the Point of Service designed to convey and apply reclaimed water.
- (S) <u>RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS</u>: include (1) a single-family residential connection whereby the units do not share a common wall with another unit, or dwelling units that are simultaneously common-walled, individually metered, and not defined as a multiple-family dwelling unit; and (2) a multiple-family residential connection whereby all residential

dwelling units are one of several units that share one or more common walls and which are either master metered or individually metered but grouped in a common-walled structure having more than one floor of one-level units. All mobile home units qualify as multiple family units. For single family residential connections, the connection fee is determined by meter size. For multiple-family residential connections, the connection fee is determined by the number of dwelling units.

- (T) **SERVICE:** the readiness and ability on the part of Department to furnish reclaimed water to the property.
- (U) **SERVICE INITIATION:** the date a reclaimed water meter is installed.
- (V) <u>UPAP:</u> the Uniform Policies and Procedures Manual of the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department as adopted and amended from time to time by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 7. Use of Reclaimed Water within the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department Service Area

(A) Mandatory Use Within the MRWSA:

The use of reclaimed water for irrigation is mandatory for any new Development within the MRWSA as defined hereinabove. The Property Owner of said new Development shall construct, connect to, and use reclaimed water as set forth in this Ordinance, the UPAP, and the Standard Reclaimed Water Development Agreement ("SRWDA").

(B) Mandatory Use Within 300 Feet of Main:

The use of reclaimed water for irrigation is mandatory for all new Development, as defined hereinabove, upon all or

any portion of property located outside the MRWSA but within 300 feet of a Reclaimed Water Distribution Main at the time of plan submittal for said Development. The Property Owner of said new Development shall construct, connect to, and use reclaimed water as set forth in this Ordinance, the UPAP, and the SRWDA.

(C) Voluntary Use of Reclaimed Water:

Properties outside the MRWSA and not currently within 300 feet of a Reclaimed Water Distribution Main are encouraged to and may connect to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System upon approval of the Department, and shall construct, connect to, and use reclaimed water as set forth in this Ordinance, the UPAP, and the SRWDA.

Section 8. Standard Reclaimed Water Development Agreement

Each and every Property Owner seeking to obtain reclaimed water service where extension of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System is necessary shall be required to execute a SRWDA, as set forth in the UPAP, which shall be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County. The Department may administratively process the information submitted by the Property Owner as required by the SRWDA pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners or its designee. There is no contract for reclaimed water service availability until the SRWDA is fully executed by all parties to the Agreement.

By entering into an SRWDA, the Property Owner identifies the anticipated system capacity needs in accordance with the SRWDA and the UPAP. The SRWDA in no way entitles the Property Owner to densities which are greater than those allowed under

the density provisions of the Comprehensive Plan of Palm Beach County, or to densities or development rights as may be otherwise limited by the Board of County Commissioners.

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In accordance with the requirements as set forth herein, in the SRWDA, and in the UPAP, the Property Owner shall, at his sole cost and expense, design and construct the Reclaimed Water Distribution System up to the Point of Service and transfer ownership and control of same to the County at no cost. Further, the Property Owner shall, at his sole cost and expense, design, construct, operate and maintain a Reclaimed Water Irrigation System on the Property Owner's side of the Point of Service.

In accordance with the requirements set forth herein, in the SRWDA, and in the UPAP, the Property Owner shall grant an easement to the County for purposes included but not limited to construction, ownership, maintenance, operation and expansion of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System within the dedicated easement area.

Section 9. Design and Construction Standards for the Reclaimed Water Distribution System and the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System

(A) Reclaimed Water Distribution System:

With regard to the design and construction of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System, the Property Owner shall adhere to and follow the minimum design and construction standards as set forth in the UPAP. The Department must inspect the construction of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System and determine same to be in compliance with the UPAP prior to providing permanent reclaimed water service to the property. The Property Owner shall warrant the construction

of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System for one year from the date of final certification and acceptance of same by County.

(B) Reclaimed Water Irrigation System:

The Property Owner shall design and construct the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System in accordance with federal, state, and local standards. In addition, the Property Owner shall ensure that spray equipment utilized for applying reclaimed water be designed and located so as to minimize surface run-off, ponding or aerosol carryover from the application area.

The Property Owner shall properly tag or label the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System in order to notify the public that the reclaimed water is not intended for drinking purposes. All piping, valves, outlets, and related appurtenances shall be color coded purple or otherwise marked, as required, to differentiate components of the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System from the potable water system.

(C) Credit/Reimbursement for Oversized Facilities:

Should the Department determine that an extension to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System can reasonably be expected to serve properties other than that of the Property Owner, the Department shall require that said Reclaimed Water Distribution System extension be oversized and/or constructed by the Property Owner in such a manner so as to facilitate and enable reclaimed water service to be provided to additional properties. The Property Owner shall be credited/reimbursed for said required oversizing in accordance with the provisions set forth in the UPAP.

(D) Plan Review and Construction Inspection:

The Department shall review and approve the plans and specifications for, and will inspect the installation of, the Reclaimed Water Distribution System to be installed by the Property Owner. Said review, approval and inspection by the Department does not relieve the Property Owner of the responsibility of designing and constructing the Reclaimed Water Distribution System in accordance with the minimum design and construction standards as set forth in the UPAP.

Section 10. Connection to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System

(A) Meters Required:

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Meters are required on all reclaimed water service connections. No person or property shall have access to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System or use reclaimed water without delivery of same through a meter. All reclaimed water meters shall be furnished and installed by an employee or authorized person of the Department, and shall remain the property of the Department. The Customer shall abide by the provisions as set forth in the UPAP pertaining to meters.

(B) <u>Service Initiation:</u>

Prior to connecting to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System, all persons shall make application for reclaimed water service to the Department in accordance with the provisions as set forth in the UPAP for service activation. Said application for reclaimed water service shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information deemed necessary by the Director. All applicable fees as set forth in the UPAP shall be paid to the Department prior to the

approval of any such connection to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System.

(C) Rules, Regulations and Fees:

The Department may establish, revise, modify and enforce rules, regulations and fees pertaining to the provision of reclaimed water service. Such rules, regulations, and fees, which are subject to the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, are set forth in the UPAP, and shall be binding upon all Property Owners, Customers, agents, and assigns required to use and/or using reclaimed water.

(D) Operation and Maintenance Responsibilities for the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System:

The operation and maintenance of the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System shall be the sole responsibility of the Customer and/or Property Owner utilizing reclaimed water from said System. The Customer and/or Property Owner shall provide reasonable access to the Department for periodic inspections of the operation and maintenance of the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System. Failure by the Customer and/or Property Owner to properly operate and maintain said Reclaimed Water Irrigation System in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, including the UPAP, shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and be subject to enforcement action as set forth hereinbelow.

Section 11. Approved Uses of Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water shall be used in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations. Pursuant to this Ordinance, reclaimed water may

be used for irrigation of residential and non-residential lawns, golf courses, cemeteries, parks, landscaped areas, edible crops (as set forth in Chapter 62-610, Florida Administrative Code), highway medians, dust control on construction sites, mixing of concrete, and cleaning of roads and sidewalks. Any other use of reclaimed water must be approved in writing by the Director prior to said usage.

Section 12. Damage to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System

No person shall maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, or deface any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is part of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System. All costs to repair any damage to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System and/or all costs associated with additional treatment or alternative disposal requirements resulting from said action, shall be assessed to the person(s) responsible.

Section 13. Prohibitions for use of Reclaimed Water and the Reclaimed Water Distribution System

No person shall use reclaimed water unless in accordance with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.

Pursuant to this Ordinance, no person shall:

- (A) Use potable water, wells or surface water withdrawal for irrigation of landscaped areas where the use of reclaimed water is mandatory as set forth hereinabove in this Ordinance.
- (B) Utilize above ground hose bibs. Hose bibbs shall be located in lockable, below grade vaults and clearly marked as

being of non-potable quality. All vault covers shall be color-coded purple and shall be kept locked when not in use.

- (C) Use reclaimed water for the filling of swimming pools, hot tubs, wading pools, or decorative fountains.
- (D) Pipe reclaimed water into or use reclaimed water inside of any building or structure.
- (E) Cut and/or remove a Department installed lock; tamper with the meter, bypass, or reverse a reclaimed water meter; use, alter or make any connection to the Reclaimed Water Distribution System unless prior written approval has been given by the Director, and an employee or authorized person of the Department is present at the time of said approved action.
 - (F) Sell, barter, trade or otherwise transfer reclaimed water to any other person or entity.
- (G) Cause a cross connection between a potable water supply and the Reclaimed Water Distribution System or the Reclaimed Water Irrigation System, or violate a provision or requirement of the UPAP pertaining to backflow prevention or cross connection control.

Section 14. Special Assessments

Special assessments may be levied upon property specially benefitting from the construction of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System in accordance with the Palm Beach County Water and Sewer Special Assessment Ordinance, as amended, and the UPAP.

Section 15. Authority to Lien Property for Unpaid Fees

Pursuant to section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and subject to the provisions of section 125.485 Florida Statutes, should any fees or rates provided for herein not be paid as and when due, and be in default for ninety (90) days or more, the Board of County Commissioners may cause a lien for said unpaid amount to be filed on the parcel of property to which said service was provided or made available.

Section 16. Enforcement Action

(A) Immediate threat to public health. The Director may issue a Stop Usage Notice requiring the Customer and/or Property Owner to immediately cease using reclaimed water if said usage is deemed to present or cause an immediate threat or substantial endangerment to the health, safety or welfare of the public, to the environment, or to the operations of the County's Reclaimed Water Distribution System. Any such finding shall be included in the Director's notification to cease usage of said reclaimed water. Should the Customer not comply with the Stop Usage Notice, the Department may immediately discontinue service of reclaimed water to the property. All expenses incurred by the Department to discontinue said service and/or any and all damages associated with the use of the reclaimed water shall be borne by the Customer and/or Property Owner.

(B) Other violations. Notwithstanding the provisions as set forth in Paragraph (A) hereinabove, the Director shall, upon discovery of a violation of this Ordinance, notify the Customer and/or Property Owner of said violation by certified

mail or by placing a notice on the property or by any other reasonable means. The notice of violation shall set forth the specific violation, the corrective action to be taken by the Customer and/or the Property Owner, and the period of time by which the Customer and/or Property Owner must correct the violation. Should the Customer and/or Property Owner not correct said violation within the designated period of time, the Department shall discontinue service of reclaimed water to the property until said violation is corrected and all fees associated with the disconnection and/or reconnection of service to said property are paid in full by the Customer and/or Property Owner.

Section 17. Judicial Enforcement

Should any Customer or Property Owner violate any provision of this Ordinance, the County may commence an action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to provide additional cumulative remedies.

(A) Injunctive relief. Whenever a Customer or Property

Owner has violated or continues to violate any provision of
this Ordinance, the County may petition the Circuit Court for
Palm Beach County to issue a temporary or permanent injunction
or both, as may be appropriate, to restrain or compel the
specific performance of the requirement imposed by this
Ordinance. Such other actions which are appropriate for legal
and/or equitable relief may also be sought by the County. A
petition for injunctive relief need not be filed as a

prerequisite to taking any other action against a Customer or Property Owner by the Department.

(B) Penalties. Failure to comply with the provisions as set forth in this Ordinance shall constitute a violation of a county ordinance and shall be punished, upon conviction, pursuant to Section 125.69(1), Florida Statutes, by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed sixty (60) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 18. Savings Clause

This Ordinance shall supplement but shall not impair any Reclaimed Water Development Agreement executed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance by or on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

Section 19. Repeal Of Laws In Conflict

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 20. Severability

If any provision, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 21. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances 1 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made 2 a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach 3 County, Florida. The articles and sections of this Ordinance 4 may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the 5 word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article", or 6 7 other appropriate word. Section 22. Effective date 8 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective 9 upon filing with the Departmentof State. 10 APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners 11 of Palm Beach County, on the 20th 12 _____, 19__97____. 13 May PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS 14 ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK 15 16 Chairman Deputy Clerk 17 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND 18 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY 19

20 By: THUEN W. M. C. County Attorney

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the

<u>23</u> day of <u>May</u>, 1997.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office $\frac{5}{30} \frac{30}{9}$

DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 5/30/97 DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk